

5 Year Plan 2012-2017

- Add the Holzheuter Farm to the Parks System and complete Master Plan.
- Implement approved park master plans.
- Continue leadership in the GHA Implementation Team and the associated subcommittees: Land Acquisition, Trails, Education, Outreach & Communications, and Economic Benefits.
- Cultivate private and public partnerships.
- Implement major new bike paths with assistance of local advisors: Waterloo to Lake Mills, Waterloo to Watertown, and Watertown to Oconomowoc.
- Continue implementation of the Glacial Heritage Area Plan.
- Grow Endowment Fund.
- Add accessible features to Parks.
- Restore prairies, wetlands, savannas and woodlands.



The Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) is a partnership between Jefferson County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and surrounding Counties.

The initiative focuses on four landscape resources:

- ❖ Conservation Parks
- ❖ Linking Trails
- ❖ River-based Conservation Areas
- ❖ State Wildlife Areas

For Jefferson County this means expanded off-road trails linking cities and villages with parks, expansion of existing parks with more recreational activities, establishing new parks, and improvements along marked canoe/kavak water trails.



Parks System Mission

Preserve natural resources for public use and conservation, operate and maintain a parks system with resource oriented recreation, trails, and special use parks, and expand the parks system for environmental and land use benefits and the health and enjoyment of Jefferson County.



Park Visions

A balance of recreation & conservation.

Multiple recreational activities in large, natural resource oriented parks.

Acquisition of new lands.

Land acquisition in 8 conservation parks identified in the GHA Plan.

Parks give form to our rural landscape and communities.

Parks protect special natural, historic, and cultural places that have meaning to us. Bike and trail corridors connect these jewels.

High design, maintenance & management standards.

Celebrate and build on the uniqueness of each park site.

Promote park awareness & benefits.

Personal & health, social & community, economic & environmental benefits.

Come and connect with nature and history.
Take a hike or ride a bike to your special place!

Jefferson County Park Features



Award-winning pavilions at Dorothy Carnes and Korth County Parks.



Historic farmsteads.



Winter sports: cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and a new snowmobile bridge over the Crawfish River.



Restored prairies, wetlands, and savannas and miles of trails.



Historic and spiritual Native American mounds and trails.



Nationally recognized Jefferson County Dog Park.



Boating, canoeing, and kayaking.



Community gardens in uncommon settings.



Rare and uncommon species at Dorothy Carnes County Park & Rose Lake State Natural Area.



Miles of off-road bicycle trails including a covered bridge.



Fishing on the Crawfish, Rock, and Bark Rivers, and Rock Lake.



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Protect Our Environment, Improve Our Health, Support Our Economy

